

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chairman Donald J. Steinbeisser, on March 3, 2009
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser, Chairman (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joan Linkenbach, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 48, 2/20/2009; HB 90, 2/20/2009;
HB 100, 2/20/2009

Executive Action: HB 100; HB 90

HEARING ON HB 100

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:59 Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D), HD 8, opened the hearing on
HB 100, Revise composition of mint committee.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:53 Ron De Yung, Director, Montana Department of
Agriculture (MDOA)

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Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:48 Sen. Larsen
00:05:05 Rep. Steenson
00:05:20 Sen. Larsen
00:05:26 Rep. Steenson
00:05:31 Mr. De Yung, MDOA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:58 Rep. Steenson

HEARING ON HB 48

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:34 Rep. Paul Beck (D), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 48,
Revise laws relating to Growth through Agriculture
program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:32 Ron De Yung, Director, MDOA

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00:09:56 Linda Gryczan, Grow Montana
00:11:19 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation, Montana
Grain Growers Association, Montana Farmers Union

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:32 Sen. Brown
00:12:53 Mr. De Yung, MDOA
00:13:46 Sen. Brown
00:13:58 Mr. De Yung, MDOA
00:14:28 Sen. Brown
00:14:50 Mr. De Yung, MDOA
00:16:19 Sen. Hamlett
00:16:29 Mr. De Yung, MDOA
00:17:13 Sen. Hamlett
00:17:27 Mr. De Yung, MDOA
00:17:57 Sen. Larsen
00:18:17 Mr. De Yung, MDOA
00:18:56 Sen. Larsen
00:19:04 Mr. De Yung, MDOA
00:19:55 Sen. Larsen
00:20:11 Mr. De Yung, MDOA
00:20:44 Chairman Steinbeisser
00:20:52 Mr. De Yung, MDOA
00:21:10 Chairman Steinbeisser
00:21:20 Mr. De Yung, MDOA
00:21:56 Sen. Brown
00:22:21 Mr. De Yung, MDOA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:36 Rep. Beck

HEARING ON HB 90

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:25:00 Rep. Ray Hawk (R), HD 90, opened the hearing on HB 90,
Revise laws to consider llamas as livestock for wolf
predation purposes.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:06 Aeric Reilly, Montana Wool Growers
00:26:58 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:28:06 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Mitigation Coordinator,
Livestock Loss Reduction Mitigation Board, an
administratively attached board to the Department of
Livestock (DOL)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:36 Sen. Jackson
00:28:52 Rep. Hawk
00:29:32 Sen. Jackson
00:29:54 Rep. Hawk
00:30:06 Sen. Hamlett
00:30:22 Mr. Edwards, DOL
00:31:04 Sen. Hamlett
00:31:08 Mr. Edwards, DOL
00:31:16 Sen. Ripley
00:31:44 Mr. Edwards, DOL
00:32:01 Sen. Ripley
00:32:12 Mr. Edwards, DOL
00:32:16 Sen. Ripley
00:32:21 Mr. Edwards, DOL
00:32:46 Sen. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:10 Rep. Hawk
00:34:20 Chairman Steinbeisser

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 100

00:34:39 **Motion:** Sen. Murphy moved that **SB 100 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:35:22 Sen. Ripley
00:35:34 Chairman Steinbeisser
00:35:41 Sen. Ripley
00:35:52 Chairman Steinbeisser
00:36:09 Sen. Ripley

00:36:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen.
Tudvedt will carry the bill in the Senate.

00:37:28 Sen. Murphy
00:38:10 Chairman Steinbeisser

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 90

00:38:30 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Jackson moved that **HB 90 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Sen. T. Brown will carry the bill in the Senate.

Discussion:

00:39:02 Sen. Brown
00:40:04 Chairman Steinbeisser
00:40:37 Sen. Larsen
00:41:03 Chairman Steinbeisser
00:41:22 Sen. Hamlett
00:41:48 Chairman Steinbeisser
00:42:03 Sen. Hansen
00:42:21 Chairman Steinbeisser
00:43:21 Sen. Murphy
00:43:43 Chairman Steinbeisser
00:43:57 Sen. Jackson
00:44:27 Sen. Murphy
00:45:42 Chairman Steinbeisser

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:45 P.M.

Joan Linkenbach, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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